

her peace with her God. We held prayer with both and anointed the sister with oil in the name of the Lord. At this writing the last we heard they were getting better. The church is praying for them, and we appeal to the brotherhood to remember them at the throne of grace. I will report later.

JOHN A. MYERS.

St. James, Md.

Conference called to order by retiring Moderator J. M. Tombaugh at 2:30 P. M. Devotional exercise conducted by same.

A committee on permanent organization and rules was appointed: J. Long, chairman, Andrew Coffman and T. J. Fahrney. They submitted the following names: Moderator, J. M. Tombaugh, Vice Moderator, J. Long, Secretary, H. L. Rosenberger, Assistant Secretary, Miss Jennie Hall, Treasurer, H. N. Cross.

Rules.—Fifteen minutes shall be given to each speaker except in second time when he shall have five minutes. For the further government of the conference Roberts' rules of order or any other standard parliamentary shall be observed. Their reports were approved. Delegates were called upon to present their credentials. St. James, H. N. Cross, T. J. Fahrney, H. S. Poffenberger, Joseph Mullen, W. H. Sheeley, Andrew Coffman, Hagerstown, Benj. Fahrney, Benj. Emmert, Mrs. Benj. Emmert, Miss Fannie Schindel. Bethlehem, Miss Jennie Hall, Miss Elsie Byrd. Maurertown, H. L. Rosenberger. Mt. Zion, John E. Copp, Mrs. John E. Copp.

Brother J. Long offered the following resolution: That this conference shall not keep in session later than 11:30 A. M. and 4:30 P. M.

SECOND SESSION, 7:30 P. M.

Devotional services by Henry Wise.

Address of welcome by pastor, J. Long, in which he gave all present a hearty welcome. Responses by brothers A. D. Gnagey, Henry Wise, E. B. Shaver, Andrew Coffman, and J. M. Tombaugh in which they extend their most sincere thanks to pastor and congregation at large for their hearty welcome.

1st topic. How may we improve our church music. Opened by Prof. J. M. Bowman who gave us a very able talk, followed by brothers A. D. Gnagey, Henry Wise, E. B. Shaver, T. J. Fahrney, J. M. Tombaugh, and J. Long.

Committee on Resolutions was appointed: E. B. Shaver and Henry Wise.

T. J. Fahrney was appointed to receive queries.

A motion was made and approved that we lift a collection at the end of each session. Collection \$1.08.

THIRD SESSION

Devotional services conducted by brother W. M. Lyon, pastor of Washington City church.

Topic: The use of church discipline. Discussion opened by J. M. Tombaugh, followed by Henry Wise, Dr. Reichard, E. B. Shaver, and A. D. Gnagey.

Collection \$1.07.

FOURTH SESSION

Devotional services conducted by A. D. Gnagey.

Topic: How can we best prosecute the mission work of our district. Discussion opened by E. B. Shaver, followed by brothers W. M. Lyon, T. J. Fahrney, J. P. Mullen, J. Long and Henry Wise. Brother Long then offered the following motion: That the pastors of this district collect from each member twenty-five cents for missions, said money to be paid to the treasurer of the district not later than the first day of January of each year. Brother E. B. Shaver also presented a motion that this conference instruct the pastors of this district to lift quarterly collections for the National mission work.

FIFTH SESSION

Devotional services conducted by Henry Wise.

Topic: Ashland College: Its present status and its needs. Opened by J. M. Tombaugh, followed by A. D. Gnagey and Henry Wise who gave us very interesting talks in regards to its status and needs. At this juncture Dr. Reichard offered the following resolution: Resolved, That this conference is in hearty accord with the project to endow Ashland College and pledges itself to the cordial support of the College and its endowment and authorizes a committee to take charge of securing pledges and report at the last session of this conference. Brother A. D. Gnagey was appointed.

SIXTH SESSION

Devotional services conducted by Assistant Moderator, J. Long.

A motion was made to appoint a mission board. The old board were again appointed: S. P. Fogle, J. W. Hockman, J. E. Copp.

Topic: Our Publishing House: its status and its needs, introduced by A. D. Gnagey, W. M. Lyon, E. B. Shaver. A. D. Gnagey offered the following resolution: Resolved, That as pastors and members of this district we will use every effort to place the BRETHREN EVANGELIST into every home of the Brethren in this district; and when members are not able to pay for the paper a fund will be provided for the purpose of paying for the paper.

SEVENTH SESSION

Devotional services conducted by Elder E. B. Shaver.

Collection taken amounting to \$1.56.

Topic: Sisters' Work. Discussion opened by Mrs. M. V. Driscoll, Mrs. H. N. Cross, Mrs. Andrew Coffman, followed by E. B. Shaver, Miss Jennie Hall, J. Long, and Dr. Reichard. After this the Sisters' Aid Society of Hagerstown submitted the following report:

July 3, 1900, amt. rec'd. of ex-treas.,	\$5.35
Amt. taken in to present date,	38.92
Total,	\$44.27
Amt. expended,	25.30
Balance on hand,	\$18.97

Topic: King's Children. Opened by A. D. Gnagey, followed by Dr. Reichard. A motion was then made that the sum of fifty cents be paid by the ministerial as well as lay delegates in future. Carried. Another motion was presented by Dr. Reichard: Resolved, That this conference elect a permanent secretary who shall hold office during the time between two conferences or until a successor be elected, and it shall be the duty of said secretary to receive and hold the archives and records of the various conferences giving them permanent shape. He shall notify the members of all committees and urge the performance of duties of the several standing and special committees. He shall serve without salary but necessary expenses of the office shall be paid including cost of stationery, postage, etc. Brother T. J. Fahrney was elected.

EIGHTH SESSION

Devotional services conducted by Moderator J. M. Tombaugh.

Appointment of standing committees: Parochial, E. B. Shaver, P. W. Wisman, S. P. Fogle; Educational, J. Long, Dr. Reichard; Woman's Work, Mrs. Andrew Coffman, Mrs. D. L. Shaver, Mrs. G. Harry Haun; Ministerial, E. B. Shaver, J. W. Hockman, S. P. Fogle; Ministerial Support, J. I. Hall, George A. Copp; Sunday-school Work, Andrew Coffman, T. J. Fahrney, T. L. Stultz; Executive, J. Long, Dr. Reichard, Andrew Coffman.

Committee on Resolutions report the following: Since the goodness of our heavenly Father seemed to see no hindrance in the way of the committee for the meeting of the Brethren churches of Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland meeting in conference, that we recognize the gracious

spirit of God has aided us, for which we most sincerely thank Him.

That conference tender its thanks to the people of St. James for their willingness to entertain.

We thank our Moderator for his fair and impartial rulings and our secretary for his work. We also extend our thanks to Prof. J. M. Bowman for the spiritual and edifying music during the conference. Signed,

Committee } E. B. SHAVER,
HENRY WISE.

A call was made by the St. James congregation to hold the conference there again in 1902. Conference will again meet in session next May at St. James.

A motion was made that the discussion on sisters' work be accepted as their report.

Collection \$1.10.

Amt. paid by delegates, \$7.50

Total amt. rec'd. by del. and col. \$12.38

Total expenses of conference, 2.38

Balance on hand, \$10.00

Which was handed over to E. B. Shaver as chairman of ministerial aid committee.

The last topic on program introduced Brethren Sunday-school of district and their literature. Speakers H. N. Cross and Coffman, followed by Dr. Reichard, Joseph Mullen, Mrs. Andrew Coffman, H. S. Poffenberger, Mrs. H. N. Cross, Wm. Sheely and E. B. Shaver thru which some very interesting thoughts were presented.

Conference closed by chanting the Lord's Prayer.
H. L. ROSENBERGER, Sec.

Chicago, Ill.

I am thankful to the Editor for publishing my letter of a recent date and having received many congratulations from readers of the BRETHREN EVANGELIST I feel it will not be amiss to write again and thru the columns of the paper thank the kind friends for their words of cheer to me. One to whom I especially wish to extend my sincere thanks is Sister Mary Stutsman of Wauseon, Ohio, who very generously wrote me and extended her kind congratulations. Furthermore, Brother Talley requested me to write again as did Brother Cassel of Philadelphia, thru a personal letter to Brother Talley.

It is certainly gratifying to me that my feeble efforts as a letter writer should receive so much praise. But the greatest gratification is the fact that what I write is prompted by the Almighty Ruler, Jesus Christ. Last Sunday evening our mission celebrated Children's Day by a program of some length, composed of vocal music and recitations by the pupils of the Sunday school, over forty participating in the exercises. The contribution collected on the occasion amounted to \$2.23 and upon opening the missionary barrels we found \$4.00. The program was opened by prayer led by Brother Weidner who is here from Ashland College on his vacation. All present seemed to enjoy themselves.

We are now beginning to arrange matters for the annual children's outing, or picnic which undoubtedly will take place next month. At present I am unable to state where we will go to spend the day; possibly to Edgewater which is a beautiful spot on the shore of Lake Michigan and is accessible by trolley direct from the mission door. Brother Talley has placed a contribution box in the mission to receive donation to help defray the expenses of the outing. I trust we will be liberally remembered by our friends.

I am deeply grieved to learn of the illness of Mrs. Cassel, and I devoutly pray to God for her speedy recovery. We are looking forward with no small amount of anxiety to an early visit from Brother Cassel and hope it will be very soon. Again I ask the earnest prayers of all for our mission.

WILLIAM H. STRIDIRON.